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SUBJ: WATER RESOURCES SEMINAR MISSION, NIGERIA - KENYA,

16 - 23 OCTOBER 1977.

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1. EMBASSY WELCOMES SUBJECT MISSION TO NIGERIA OCTOBER 17 TO 21. IN VIEW HEAVY CONCENTRATION OF IRRIGATION SCHEMES IN NORTHERN NIGERIA, RECOMMEND MISSION SPEND MOST OF ITS NIGERIA VISIT THERE. KADUNA CONSULATE CONCURS AND FURTHER SUGGESTS MISSION SESSIONS BE HELD IN KANO RATHER THAN KADUNA BECAUSE OF LOCATION OF HADEJIA-JAMA'ARE RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND MAJOR DAM PROJECT NEARBY.

2. PROPOSED ITINERARY AS FOLLOWS: MISSION ARRIVE KANO ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16 VIA BRITISH CALIEDONIAN FLIGHT BR 363 FROM LONDON; SEMINAR SESSIONS TO BE HELD ALL DAY MONDAY, OCTOBER 17 AT DAURA HOTEL FOLLOWED BY EVENING RECEPTION; FIELD TRIPS ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18 AT TIGA DAM PROJECT AND NEARBY FEDERAL AND STATE IRRIGATION SCHEMES; APPOINTMENTS WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND PRIVATE BUSINESSMEN ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19 AND LATE AFTERNOON DEPARTURE ON NIGERIAN AIRWAYS FROM KANO TO LAGOS; EMBASSY BRIEFING ON UNCLASSIFIED

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20 FOLLOWED BY APPOINTMENTS WITH FEDERAL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT WATER RESOURCE OFFICIALS AND EVENING RECEPTION AT AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE; ADDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND PRIVATE BUSINESSMEN ON FRIDAY OCTOBER 21; AND DEPARTURE TO NAIROBI ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22 VIA PA 188.

3. IN VIEW PAST EXPERIENCE AND WELL KNOWN COMMUNICATION DIFFICULTIES IN NIGERIA, EMBASSY STRONGLY REQUESTS THAT ADVANCE OFFICER BIDDLE AND MISSION BROCHURES ARRIVE NIGERIA MINIMUM ONE MONTH PRIOR MISSION TO ENSURE EFFECTIVE PREPARATIONS AND INVITATION MAILINGS. SUGGEST BIDDLE FOLLOW MISSION ROUTE AND ARRIVE KANO SECOND OR THIRD WEEK SEPTEMBER LATEST FOLLOWED BY THREE OR FOUR DAY VISIT TO LAGOS. ALSO RECOMMEND BIDDLE BRING GLOSSY PHOTOGRAPHS OF MISSION CHAIRMAN AND/OR PARTICIPANTS FOR ADVANCE NEWSPAPER PUBLICITY.

4. HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS WILL BE REQUESTED AS SOON AS USDOC CONFIRMS PROPOSED ITINERARIES FOR MISSION AND ADVANCE OFFICER. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST.

5. PER REQUEST FOR INFORMATION PARA 7 REFTEL, PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS LIKE FILMS, SLIDES, AND PRINTED MATTER ARE ALLOWED ENTRY FREE OF DUTY. THERE ARE NO REPEAT NO KNOWN EVENTS WHICH ABNORMALLY CONFLICT WITH MISSION SCHEDULE.

6. URGE BIDDLE TO OBTAIN MULTIPLE RE-ENTRY VISA FOR NIGERIA.

7. MISSION CONTROL OFFICER IN KANO IS DAVID JENSEN AND IN LAGOS OTIS HAYES.

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